

**Mayor's Council on Disability Issues (CODI)
Annual Retreat
September 16, 2016
Knoxville Center of the Deaf (KCD)**

Meaghan Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:21 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan, M. Johnson, Lemak, Dockery, Sawhney, Loebner, VanDyke, Austin, Booher, Secrest, Shipley, Newman, Neely, and Moore.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brookshire, Davidson, Houston, Jones, Hector, R. Johnson, and Shilling. (City Liaison Cook was also absent.)

August Minutes: A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Dockery and seconded by Austin – motion carried.

Agenda:

Ice Breaker/Warm Up Exercise: Funny questions passed out for everyone to respond to.

Teaser for those not in attendance: Who in attendance gave the following answer to the Question what Dance would you like to learn? Answer: Pole Dance

Committees: Makeup, Overview & Special Committees

Standing Committees – Nominating, Transportation and Bylaws.

Special Committees – Disability Sensitivity, Employment, Most Disability Friendly

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Committee Reports:

Most Disability Friendly City (Sawhney) – Reviewed Framework behind survey and strategy for getting information from Knoxville, surrounding area and State. 89 surveys received to date.

Overview breaks down the results as follows:

	Life w/ Dignity	
<u>Economics</u>	<u>Connect to Society</u>	<u>Wellbeing</u>
Jobs	Board Membership	Education
Housing	Venue Accessibility	Transportation
		Health Care

Summary – Data base is building.

Employment (Johnson) – Tapings with CTV, Stickers and Flyer programs for employers.

- Tapings have been difficult to schedule looking at Oct/Nov to complete four (4) additional, still working on two (2) other. Will bring total tapings to twelve by year end.
- Flyer – Thanks to Melissa for production of the great employer flyers which are ready to be distributed.

- Stickers – Stephanie Cook is working on getting them made. Stickers will recognize employers who value and hire a diverse workforce. Goal is to determine how companies will earn stickers.

Disability Sensitivity (Newman) – CODI Logo, Visor Card, CODI mission and Website

- CODI Logo - almost done and hope to bring to full CODI meeting in near future.
- Visor Card - for Deaf with Tips and Pictures to help communicate. Police Dept is excited about this and looking forward to training.
- Mission -- to explain and promote CODI; working on rack cards that can be given out at public gatherings.
- Website – working on updates and improvements.

Transportation (Booher) – Trolleys, Summit Towers, Project Eric and KAT Grant

- City Trolleys – working with City in getting suggestion on what people need.
- Summit Towers – complaint is being investigated.
- Project Eric – did not receive funding this year.
- KAT Grant (Warren) – FTA has awarded KAT \$200,000 for “Rides to Wellness”.

Bylaws (Allan)

- Existing Bylaws need to be reviewed for reference accuracy.
- Need to review how bylaws address Nomination vetting vs Parade candidates in front of CODI meeting and then have to turn some away?

Ideas for Other Committees:

<u>Standing</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>New</u>
Nominating	Disability Sensitivity	Housing
Transportation	Employment	Accessibility Communications
Bylaws	Most Dis. Friendly City	

Summary – Sandy will write up a need description statement for Housing and Loebner will write up one for Accessibility Communications to be reviewed at the October 12 CODI meeting.

Ice Breaker #2 – Each person was asked to tell two truths and one lie about themselves, then everyone was to guess which was not true.

Teaser for those not in attendance: Who in attendance once was a puppeteer?

Goals/Priorities for upcoming Year 2017:

Bylaws – Revisions and corrections to bylaws, Nominating process, Digital materials.

Employment – Issue Sticker guidelines, website availability, date stickers by year received, make employees our focus.

Transportation – Wellness Transportation, Accessible parking monitoring/reporting, look at what is happening with students in public schools, transition issues, service “application form” review.

Disability Sensitivity – Coordinate Logos, Marketing strategy, CODI annual report, Promotion of CODI activities, Make connection with City Departments, Research what other City CODI’s are doing.

Disability Friendly City – Adopt Sister City, Prepare summary for all agencies to have access, Set up meeting with Mayor about distribution, Develop News Letter for Service Providers, Meet with Service Providers to engage in collection of data, Issue quarterly report, Identify CODI as Survey Owner, Develop interactive map.

Open Discussion:

- Start back Bi-monthly CODI Tapings.
- Need email to remind CODI members about Tapings.

With no further business, Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Allan.